

KENTUCKY SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA NEWS

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR
KENTUCKY SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALISTS



Upcoming Conferences

**KSMA
Summer Refresher**
Marshall County HS
July 19
Benton, KY
Register [here](#)

**American Library
Association (ALA)
Annual Conference**
June 23-27
New Orleans, La.
Register [here](#)

**KSMA Fall
Conference**
Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Louisville, KY

BEYOND PROFICIENCY FEATURED LINKS

[Beyond Proficiency @your library](#)® has 29 embedded links to resources, including documents, websites, research and videos. Have you explored these “extras?”



The icons above represent the types of resources available in *Beyond Proficiency @your library*®. You can find these icons throughout the [Characteristics of Highly Effective Teaching and Learning in the Library](#) and the [Library Media Program Rubric](#).

Examples:



Page 2 of the *Library Media Program Rubric* – a website providing examples of school library websites



Page 5 of the rubric – a Web page with links to information about Flexible Scheduling



Instructional Rigor and Student Engagement section of *Characteristics of Highly Effective Teaching and Learning (CHETL) in the Library* – link to “60secondrecap” videos



Instructional Relevance section of CHETL-Library – link to KET Electronic Field Trip lesson plans and classroom materials

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COLLABORATION: SCHOOL AND PUBLIC LIBRARIANS

Summer Reading Programs provide an opportunity to collaborate with public librarians in your districts. Jessamine County Public Library's (JCPL's) Children's Services Librarian **Juliana Gaddis** shared the following collaboration strategies she has used in working with her district's school media librarians to promote JCPL's collection, programs and services.

Juliana: We have five elementary schools in Jessamine County. When I first took this position, I made appointments with each of the local school librarians to go see them at their libraries. I took a tour of their facilities and talked in depth with them about how JCPL could support them with what they do. For those who weren't very familiar with my library, I invited them here for a tour and showed them around my collection. I really think that helped me build bridges with all of them and pave the way for collaborating with each other. When it came to setting up those meetings, I made myself available for whatever time worked best for them. For some it was early morning, for others it was over their lunch break (for which I provided the meal), and for others it was during their school day. I know how busy they are, so I made sure that I was the flexible one.

One project we've been able to collaborate on is the Online BookClub. My predecessor, Colleen Hall, started it along with two of the local school librarians. Now, we've been able to involve nearly all the school librarians, so it's turned into a district-wide program. The club is for 3rd-5th graders and is open to anyone, including homeschoolers. We choose two book selections per season, and the kids can decide which one they want to read and discuss. We've established a [blog](#) where the questions are posted and all the discussion happens. Kids can comment from school or from home.

Last fall, we had over 100 kids (spread across five schools) participate, and they all loved it. The program lasts six weeks and is very easy to maintain. The librarians post the questions and act as moderators of the site, approving the kids' comments before they get posted live. That way we can ensure that inappropriate comments don't make it through. The kids are excited to be "blogging," and they take it quite seriously. When the Fall BookClub finished, I hosted the wrap-up party here at JCPL, and we arranged for the kids to talk with the authors of the books they read via videoconference. They connected live with Gordon Korman (*Swindle*) and Kathleen Ernst (*American Girl* series author).

Now that I'm a part of the group, I've been invited to the monthly meetings the School Media Specialists have. That has been very helpful with keeping abreast of what they have going on and knowing how I can help.

Collaboration Partners: *Nina Pneuman (Rosenwald-Dunbar Elementary), Mary Bugg (Brookside Elementary), Wendi Smith (Wilmore Elementary), Donna Anderson (Warner Elementary School), Tia Matthews (Nicholasville Elementary Accelerated School)*

DATA COLLECTION SURVEYS

Thank you to all who participated in the American Association of School Librarians' (AASL) annual data collection survey. Over 350 school media librarians from Kentucky completed the survey and will receive individualized reports that will compare their school libraries to similar school libraries across the state and nation.

Nearly 450 Kentucky librarians completed the short survey specific to our state. Data from that survey will be used with the data from AASL's survey to provide a snapshot of library media programs in Kentucky.

KY MISSION US EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR

KET named **Latisha Cardwell** and **Amy Smith-Thomas** of Butler County Middle School as Kentucky Mission US Educators of the Year. Cardwell and Thomas, who collaborated in their use of Mission US, used the game as a review and supplementary drama/social studies activity. Students created a lantern-lit "Walk through Boston" in the school's media center, presenting character monologues, costumes, props and overheads built around events on the Mission US timeline.

Mission US is a series of free, interactive online games and materials for teaching American history. Explore the website at www.mission-us.org, or learn more information about this resource from your regional KET consultants.

Support your local public library's Summer Reading Program!
Contact the children's librarian and find out how you can help provide
information to students and parents.

*"Collaboration is the Holy Grail of librarianship."
Doug Johnson, [The Blue Skunk Blog](#)*

NOTABLE BLOGS

The Blue Skunk Blog

(Doug Johnson)

<http://doug-johnson.squarespace.com/>

The Unquiet Librarian

(Buffy Hamilton)

<http://theunquietlibrarian.wordpress.com/>

NeverEndingSearch

(Joyce Valenza)

<http://blog.schoollibraryjournal.com/neverendingsearch>

NOTABLE PODCAST

The Kindle Chronicles

<http://www.thekindlechronicles.com/>

NOTABLE WEBSITES

KY Authors for Educators

<http://kyauthorsforeducators.weebly.com/>

Jim Trelease

<http://www.trelease-on-reading.com/>

NEW STANDARDS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

School media librarians will play an integral role in the implementation of the new English/language arts standards, particularly in the areas of research, technology and literacy. When classroom teachers seek school librarians' assistance in teaching these skills, librarians must be ready to help. Below is a link to the standards document, as well as links to specific pages that will be important to you as you make purchasing plans and create activities for the 2011-12 school year.

- [Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects](#)
- [Sample texts referenced for K-5](#)
- [Sample texts referenced for 6-12](#)
- [Range of text types for K-5](#)
- [Range of text types for 6-12](#)
- [Crosswalk of the ELA standards and the Standards for the 21st Century Learner](#)

Excerpt:

Research and media skills blended into the Standards as a whole

To be ready for college, workforce training, and life in a technological society, students need the ability to gather, comprehend, evaluate, synthesize, and report on information and ideas, to conduct original research in order to answer questions or solve problems, and to analyze and create a high volume and extensive range of print and nonprint texts in media forms old and new. The need to conduct research and to produce and consume media is embedded into every aspect of today's curriculum. In like fashion, research and media skills and understandings are embedded throughout the Standards rather than treated in a separate section.

(p. 4, CCSS for ELA & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects)

FEATURED MOBILE RESOURCE: NANCY DREW MOBILE MYSTERIES® - SHADOW RANCH

Visit [Her Interactive](#) to download the mobile app. See a trailer [here](#).

- iPad: \$4.99
- iPhone/iPod Touch: \$1.99



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Kentucky Statutes Referencing School Media Librarians

KRS 158.102 Certified librarian required for each school; Library Media Center required for each school

KRS 160.345 Section 2 (g) School media librarian consulted on the maintenance of the school library media center, including the purchase of instructional materials, information technology, and equipment

"They (students) need all these skills (21st-century skills) to interpret the information they're getting. This is probably the most important skill that we'll give our kids for the future – the ability to analyze, reason and think critically. And there's no better place for it to happen, and no better people to lead it, than the people sitting in this room."

Kentucky Education Commissioner Terry Holliday (speech to KY school librarians at the 2010 Summer Refresher)

***KY School Library Media
News Archives***

Volume 1, Issue 1: [Fall 2009](#)
Volume 1, Issue 2: [Winter 2010](#)
Volume 1, Issue 3: [Spring 2010](#)
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Volume 2, Issue 2: [Fall 2010](#)
Volume 2, Issue 3: [Winter 2011](#)

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**Professional Organizations**

Kentucky School Media Association (KSMA)
www.kysma.org
Kentucky Library Association (KLA)
www.kylibasn.org/
American Association of School Librarians (AASL)
www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl
American Library Association (ALA)
www.ala.org
Kentucky Reading Association (KRA)
www.kyreading.org

KDE Content-Area Newsletters

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